## SOME OF OUR GUESTS

Men Who Direct the Work of State Departments of the G. A. R.

The Organization Is Officered and Controlled by Men of Highest Character and Best Reputation.

PROOFS FROM THE RECORDS

Show that the Great Order Is Not Controlled by Camp Followers.

On the Contrary, Its Leaders in Every State Compare Favorably with the Best in All Occupations.

The biographies of so many officers and delegates to the National Encampment as are given in the following article have not been presented as a favor to the subjects, but more to show the general character of the members of the Grand Army who take an active interest in it. It will be seen that they are men of character, who have standing in their respective communities; that they are full service veterans in the field, and that they compare favorably with the best in all the occupations in which men engage. Such a presentation of the membership was not needed to vindicate the Grand Army, but it shows how false and malignant is the charge that the Grand Army is controlled by those who were camp-followers and bounty-jumpers.

INDIANA. The Department of Indiana was organized Nov. 22, 1866, and General R. S. Foster was the first department commander. The organization suddenly lapsed and was reorganized in October,



1879, with Lewis Humphrey as commander. Indiana contends that it should have its place on the roll call and in line upon the prior date. The matter is before a committee, which will report at the encampment. The membership at the last encampment was 24,670. The last reports show a little falling off, but the reports covering the encampment period will show a membership considerably more than 25,000. James T. Johnston, of Rockville, is department commander, and R. M. Smock, of Indianapolis, assistant adjutant-general.

James T. Johnston was born in Putnam county, Indiana, Jan. 19, 1839. He lived and worked on a farm until July, 1862. His only educational advantages were those which the district schools afforded. In July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Seventy-first Indiana, which was the Sixth Cavalry. He was soon promoted to second sergeant, and held that position until August, 1863, when he was mustered out as a member of the Sixth, upon a special order of General A. E. Burnside, in order to accept a commission as lieutenant in Company A, Eighth Tennessee Cavalry, then being organized at Camp Nelson, Ky. After being mustered as lieutenant, Johnston was in command of that company until after the siege of Knoxville. It was the first company to enter Knoxville, in September, 1863. His company was in the East Tennessee campaign continuously until the siege of Knoxville was raised. After the siege the Eighth and Tenth regiments of Tennessee Cavairy were consolidated, and there being an excess of officers, and Lieutenant Johnston's health having been impaired, he resigned and returned to Indiana in January, 1864. In April, 1864, to encourage enlistment, Lieutenant Johnston enlisted as a private in Company F. One-hundred-and-thirty-third Indiana, pledging himself to serve in that capacity, which he did during the full term of enlistment, In January, 1865, at the request of Col. R. N. Hudson, of Terre Haute, Mr. Johnston assisted him in recruiting the One-hundred-and-fortyninth Indiana, a one-year regiment. When the regiment was organized, on the solicitation of its officers, Governor Morton appointed him quartermaster, in which position he served until the muster-out of the regiment in September, 1865. The study of law, which he began in 1861



and abandoned to join the army, he resumed when the war was over, in the office of Williamson & Dargett, at Greencastle. He applied himself with energy, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1866. His success in the profession proves that he was wise in his choice. He is now a member of the firm of Rice & Johnston, at Rockville, which commands a wide practice. He was soon after elected prosecuting attorney, which office he filled with credit for two years. In 1868 he was elected to the Assembly from Parke county, and in 1872 to the Senate from Parke and Vermillion counties. As a legislator he became conspicuous for his practical sense and his ability as a debater. He was elected to the Forty-ninth Congress, in 1884, and in 1886 to the Fiftieth, where he was a useful member. During his last term be served on the important and laborious committee on elections, and took an active part in its work, as the reports show. Since retiring from Congress Mr. Johnston has devoted himself to his increasing law business, but he has never been too busy to respond to the calls to public duties. At the State Encampment at Fort Wayne he was chosen delegate-at-large to the National Encampment by acciamation. Few men in the State are better known to the people. He has a commanding figure and the rare capacity of stating a case with a clearness and force which carry conviction. There are few men in the State who are more effective as debaters. He seizes the strong points in his case and presents them with a rigor and candor which make him an opponent to be feared.

Senior Vice Department Commander C. J. Murphy was a member of Company D, of the Thirteenth Indiana Infantry. He enlisted at Madison in May, 1861, in his seventeenth year, and served three years in this regiment as a private soldier. Mr. Murphy moved to Evansville after the war, and has lived there contingously since. He was elected to the Legislature in 1884 and was subsequently appointed United States bull inspector by Prestilent Cleveland and served over two years under President Harrison's administration. In the last session of the Legislature Mr. Murphy, as a member of the

than all other forces combined. Murphy is now connected as general manager with the Central Trust and Savings Company, of Evansville, a financial institution of which he was one of the principal founders. He is the First district member of the State Soidiers' Home committee, and was unanimously elected senior vice department commander at the last State Encampment at Evansville. He is an active and valuable member of the State Soldiers' Home committee, and a sure G. A. R. R. man always.

Comrade William F Medsker, junior vice de-partment commander, was born Aug. 12, 1846, in Henry county, Indiana. His father was a Methodist minister, and preached for many years in Indiana. His oldest brother, James C. Medsker, was adjutant of the Seventy-fifth Indiana. His next oldest brother, Joseph A. Med-sker, as well as himself, was a private in Company C, of the Seventy-fifth. His brother-in-law, Thomas Henderson, was color sergeant of the same regiment. In November, 1864, Med-sker enlisted as a recruit in the Seventy-fifth, and in June, 1865, was transferred to Company F, of the Forty-second Indiana. On July 31, 1865, he was discharged by the closing of the war. He had a varied experience in his eight months of service. The most pleasant incident he can remember was his being present at Fort Sumter, April 14, 1865, when General Ander-



son raised the same flag over the ruins of that fort that he pulled down April 14, 1861, and when he heard that wonderful orator, Henry Ward Beecher, deliver an oration at the same time and place. After Medsker's discharge he went to school one year at DePauw, then called Asbury University. He commenced reading law in 1866, and in the fall of 1867 went into the office of Ray, Gordon & March, at Indianapolis, and supported himself by copying of nights. He practiced law a short time in Indianapolis, and in 1872 moved to Cambridge City, Ind., where he now lives. He married Alice S. Conklin, a daughter of Bejamin Conklin, of Cambridge City, in 1870. He was delegate from the Sixth district to the National Encampment at Detroit, and was elected junior vice department commander, at Evansville, in April, 1893, by acela-

Richard M. Smock, assistant adjutant-general, was born April 2, 1841, six miles south of the capital. His parents were Kentuckians, having moved to Indiana in 1829. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, with such advantages as a farm life at that date offered, working at farm labor during the summer and attending school in the winter. July 19, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company G. Seventieth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and served in that capacity until June 16, 1864, with his regiment, taking part in many of the battles of the Atlanta campaign, when he was severely wounded while on the skirmish line at Lost mountain, Georgia; this wound, in the left breast, proved to have been made with a "poisoned" ball, and to that was added gangrene, and it was only the most skillful nursing that saved his life. In November, 1864, he was detailed on detached duty in the office of Col. A. J. Warner, who was in command at Indianapolis, where he served until June 30, 1865, where he was discharged. In November, 1865, he entered the county clerk's office as a deputy and served in that capacity continuously until July 15, 1884, having the largest continued service in the office of any man in the history of this county. In 1884 he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1888 was again elected. serving eight years in that capacity. He has been a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 17, for a numbes of years and served one year as commander; he has always taken an active interest in the order and was for two years chairman of the relief committee. When the general relief committee was organized he was selected as chairman. He was for two years a member of the department board of visitors to the Indiana Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Knightstown.



He was appointed to the present position by Department Commander Johnston, April 13, Assistant Quartermaster-general O. R. Weaver

is a native of Indiana, being born in April, 1845. He began to attempt to enlist as soon as the firing on Sumter was known, but was rejected by two regit Finany, he was accepted by Company I, Third Indiana Cavalry, and after several years' service was discharged for disability, weighing but seventy pounds when brought home. When he recovered he again attempted to enlist, but was rejected for the ranks and accepted as hospital steward for the Onehundred-and-thirty-ninth Indiana. In 1867 he was rejected as a would-be recruit for the regular army. He was a member of the old organization of the Grand Army. He has always been an active Grand Army man. He has suffered much from the disease contracted in the service. He has held the present position since 1890, and chancellor of the K. of P.

Comrade H. C. Zollinger was born of German parents in 1841. Aug. 12, 1862, he enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana Battery as a private, and served until the close of the war, seeing all the battles of the campaigns in which the command participated. Since the war Comrade Zollinger has lived in Fort Wayne, where, with his brother, he has been engaged in the manufacture of wagons, carriages, etc. He is one of the men who, by good character and industry, make good communities. He represents the Fort Wayne district in the encampment, and is an

active Grand Army man. George Newkirk was born in Adams county in 1842. A few years later his father moved to Rush county. In 1855 the father died, and the care of the family fell upon him, which he assumed with courage and discharged with faithfulness. He worked hard always, but found time to attend the winter schools after doing the chores, walking, at times, three miles to attend those places where American citizens are made. When the war came he was the eldest of five children, yet so strong was the desire to fight for the Union, that in August, 1862, before he was twenty years of age, he enlisted in the One-hundred-and-first Indiana, and saw its arduous and brilliant round of service. It saw its first fight at Hartsville, was in the bloody Chickamanga,



saw the triumphs of Chattaneoga and Missionary Rhige, went through the Atlanta campaign, and the historic march to the sea, and marched in triumph in the grand review in Washington. Returning home, he made his home in Howard county. He studied medleine and practiced in New London, but, his health failing, he returned to the soil and now tills one of the best farms in west-Business Men's Association, worked vigi- ern Howard county. Twice his fellow-citizens mander of said post, and has been three times since for Evansville, and the Standard, of that city, County Commissioner, to which board he now

helongs. He is prominent in Odd Fellow and Masonic fraternities. From the first he has been a leading member of Thomas J. Harrison Post. He is a useful member of the Disciples Church, a Republican of the pronounced type and a pub-

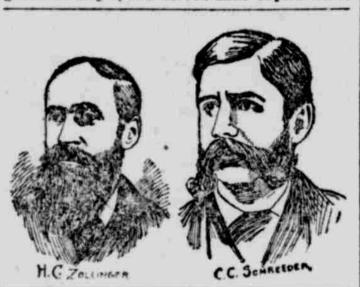


lic-spirited and patriotic citizen. He lives in Kokomo and represents his district in the National Eucampment. Comrade W. N. Jackson, of Munice, served as a member of Company E, Nineteenth Indiana, (Iron Brigade) at the front, participating in all the bat-tles in which that famous brigade was engaged, from the battle of South Mountain to the siege of Petersburg. He was discharged in front of "Fort Hell," Oct. 19, 1864, on account of physical disability. He has been an active worker in the G. A. R. forten years, a charter member of Williams Post, No. 78, organized in 1883. He has held official positions in the post almost con-tinuously since its organization, and has represented the post in five or six State encampments. He "has always voted as he shot," and has four sons straight Republicans, all Sons of Veterans. The eldest, Dr. F. G. Jackson, is now serving his second term as medical director of Indiana Di-vision, S. of V., first on Colonel Harvy's staff, now on Colonel McGuire's staff. Comrade Jackson is sixty-five years old, and a constant sufferson is sixty-five years old, and a constant sufferer from his exposure in the army. Still he "can yet throw up his hat and cheer 'Old Glory."

Comrade L. L. Martz was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1836; came with his parents to Adams county, Indiana, in 1849. In 1856 he came to Wells county, Indiana, and engaged in the dry-goods business in Murray. He was married to Miss Mattie 8. Clark in 1859, and on Aug. 21, 1861. enlisted in Company A, Thirty-fourth Indiana, and remained in that regiment through the war, re-enlisting as a veteran at New through the war, re-enlisting as a veteran at New Orleans, and being discharged at Brownsville, Tex., Feb. 3, 1866, serving from the day of enlistment to the time of arrival home, four years, six months and two days. He was in many battles, but never wounded. He enlisted as a private and was promoted to principal musician, then to commissary sergeant. then to quartermaster-sergeant, and finally mus-tered first heutenant and regimental quartermaster, being mustered out the last quartermaster of the regiment. He is now first lieutenant and adjutant of the Second battalion, Fourth Regiment Infantry, Indiana Legion; also, mander of Lew Daley Post, No. 33, G. A. R., and delegate from the Eleventh district to the Na-

Comrade Lucien A. Foote recruited the first company for the war in Parke county, Rockville being his residence. The company afterwards became Company A, Fourteenth Indiana Volunteers. He was made captain and promoted major. He served one year and resigned on account of disability. Afterwards he enlisted in Company G, One-hundred-and-thirty-third Indiana Volunteers; was promoted from first sergeant to major, and served until expiration of

tional Encampment. His postoffice address is



enlistment. He was a charter member of Post No. 7, has been post commander, and is now serving his eleventh year as quartermaster. He was elected on the council of administration, and as delegate to the National Encampment at the State Encampment first held. Comrade Foote has been grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and illustrious grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of all of the State of Indiana. James M. Barlow was born in Hendricks county, in the township where he now lives, in 1845; enlisted in April, 1864, in Company H,

Thirty-second Indiana, and was discharged in the fall of that year. During the period he served in the Atlanta campaign. Comrade Barlow has a certificate signed Abraham Lincoln as President and Edwin M. Stanton for "services during the Atlanta campaign," the special service being that of going ahead, with three others of his company, and getting into a tight when the regiment was stationed in the rear, with the consent of his captain. He was near General McPherson when he was killed. Comrade Barlow lives at Plainfield, is a member of Virgil H: Lyon Post, 186, after being a member of John A. Hollett Post He is a delegate to the nationa encampment from the Fifth district. At the close of the service Mr. Barlow was an invalid. spent several years in Wabash College, was subsequently a teacher, and is now a farmer. Comrade C. C. Schreeder, of Huntingburg, delegate from the Second district, was born Jan. 19, 1847, in Berlin, Germany, and came to this



country when a small boy. In the early part of 1863, when sixteen years of age, he enlisted in Company D, Second Ohio Volunteers, serving as sergeant until the summer of 1864, when he was discharged on account of disabilities. In January, 1865, he re-enlisted as a member of Company E, One-hundred-and-forty-third Indiana Volunteers, and served until Oct. 25, 1865. In 1868 he was elected lieutenant col nel of a battalion of veterans organized at Evansville. Feb. has become a most useful man because of his intimate knowledge of the local posts. He is a lieutenant colonel of artillery in the Indiana past grand master of the A. O. U. W., and past to the full rank of colonel on his staff, and chief of ordnance. At the spring election, 1870, he was elected city assessor of Evansville, and in October following was elected county assessor. In 1872 he was elected city clerk. Removing to Huntingburg in 1876, he was in 1877 commissioned postmaster, serving in that



capacity eight years. The Indiana House of Representatives elected him doorkeeper in 1887, and in 1889 he was again commissioned postpostmaster, and served four years. In 1880 he. with other gentlemen, founded the Huntingburg Argus, of which he has, for the past eight years, been proprietor and editor. He is a charter member of Shively Post, No. 68, and has served five terms as commander. He was an aid-de-camp on the staff of Commander-in-chiefs Fairchild, Rea and Palmer.

Comrade Jesse Neff was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, March 17, 1843, where he resided and worked on his father's farm until the 7th of October, 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, of the Fortieth Indiana Volunteers, in which company he served until the 7th of December, 1864, when he was discharged at Nashville, Tenn. He participated in all the battles and campaigns in which his regiment was engaged, from Shiloh to Nashville, the regiment to which he belonged being one of the three hundred regiments classed by Colonel Fox as the "three hundred fighting regiments of the Union army" on account of their heavy losses in battle. He was severely wounded at Missionary Ridge Nov. 25, 1863, and slightly wounded at Kenesaw mountain June 27, 1864. Mr. Neff was at one time offered a commission by President Lin-coln as captain of a company of Alabama Union cavalry, but declined to leave his own regiment. He commanded his own company as a non-commissioned officer during the greater portion of the Atlanta campaign, and, as a consequence thereof, is now known as, and commonly called. "Captain Neff." After his discharge Mr. Neff was engaged in the mercantile business, at Jamestown, Boone county, Indiana, until the October election of 1872, when he was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone county, in which capacity he served either as principal or chief deputy for fifteen years. He is a charter member of Rich Mountain Post, No. 42, G. A. R., Department of Indiana, was the first comelected to the same position. He was chosen as a delegate from the Ninth congressional dis-

trict of Indiana to the National Encampment of the G. A. R., to be held at Indianapolis in September, 1893, without his knowledge or solicita-The State Soldiers' Home.

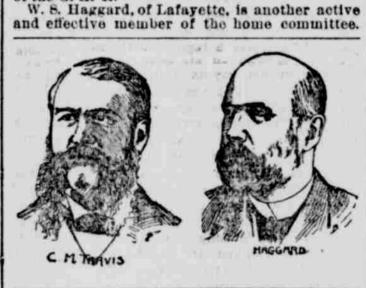
The Grand Army of Indiana has undertaken what has been accomplished by the comrades in other States, namely, the establishment of a State Soldiers' Home. The committee consists of one member from each congressional district, with the chairman, General Carnahan, at large. It has thus far succeeded, through the patriotic liberality of Tippecanoe county and the city of



Lafayette, in securing a most desirable location, and pledges have been made for the construction of a number of cottages. The committee is a very energetic one, and with the assistance of the Legislature will establish a creditable home. One of the members of the executive committee is Past Department Commander Foster, who is one of the most successful business men in the State, being president of the Foster Furniture Company, which has factories and branches in several cities in the West. Whatever he puts his hands to he does well. While in the Legislature in 1881, he secured the passage of the public library law. When the war broke out he was in New York, of which State he is a native, being the first recruit in his county, as a member of Ninth New York State Militia, serving in the Army of the Potomac and in all its battles



to the close of Gettysburg, rising to the rank of captain. He has taken an active part in the Grand Army and was department commander during 1885. He resides in Fort Wayne.
U. D. Cole, another member of the State Soldiers' Home committee, entered the military service in May, 1862, as a private in the Eighty-sixth Ohio. He served with that regimentin West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee in 1862 and 1863. He re-enlisted in 1864 and served as captain in the One-hundred-and-seven. ty-fourth Ohio until the close of the war. He was present at the capture of John Morgan, at the taking of Cumberland Gap, the repuise of Hood at Nashville and with General Sherman in North Carolina, being attached to the Twenty-third Army Corps at the termination of the campaign against Joe Johnston. He has for several years been a resident of Rushville, where he has built up a flourishing law business. He belongs to the active, rather than the retired list



He came very near getting an appropriation from the last Legislature as the member of the Assembly from his district. He is a full-service Past Department Commander Travis, of Craw-fordsville, is also a member of the executive committee, and is very zealous in the work. He served full three years in an Illinois regiment. The Monument Controversy.

The soldiers' State monument in this city was started to be in memory of Indiana's devotion to the Union during the war of the rebellion. For reasons which cannot be here stated the commissioners have diverted it from its original design. and have made the Mexican war as prominent



as that for the Union. At the last State encamp-ment resolutions were unanimously adopted denonncing the act as a conspiracy and pledging to carry the controversy to the people in the next election. A monument committee was appointed, several members of which are named in other parts of the encampment presentation in the Journal. One of the members of that committee is ex-Mayor McMaster, of this city. He has been a member of the Grand Army monument committee from the first. He served in an Ohio regiment, is a past commander of Thomas Post and a highly esteemed citizen. Col. C. A. Zollinger, Mayor of Fort Wayne and United States Pension Agent during President



monument committee. He made an excellent war record in an Indiana regiment, and is one of the most popular and influential members of the Grand Army in Indiana. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion and of the Union Vet

оню. The Department of Ohio, which leads in membership at the present time, was organized in January, 1867. Its membership is about 45,500. In late years the organization has been most vigorous, strong men being chosen to direct it. L. H. Williams is commander and J. C. Shumaker assistant adjutant-general.

L. H. Williams, Department Commander,

historic in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as the place where "Eliza" crossed the Ohio river on the ice. Commander Williams was born in that county in 1843, and passed his boyhood on his father's farm. When the war broke out he, with his two older brothers, enlisted, but he was the only one who returned from the service alive; but their bodies lie in their native county, in the same grave. Commander Williams enlisted Aug. 7,\*1862, in the Fourth Ohio Independent Volunteer Cavalry Company (known as Foster's Cavalry) and served the winter of 1862 under Grant in in what was known as the northern Mississippl campaign. In 1863 he was under Grant and McPherson in the campaign against Vicksburg, and was present at the fall of that city. July 4, 1863. In 1864 he served directly under McPherson, was with Sherman on his advance against Atlanta, and was present, July 22, 1864, when General McPherson was killed. He was also present at the fall of Atlanta, and after the capture of that city went with Sherman on his famous march from "Atlanta to the sea," after the fall of Savannah; thence on through the Carolinas to Raleigh, N. C.; thence liams enlisted Aug. 7, 1862, in the Fourth Ohio through the Carolinas to Raleigh, N. C.; thence to Richmond and Washington, where, after par-ticipating in the grand review, he was mustered out with his company, May 28, 1865. He then returned to his home in Ohio and attended school, taught school, read law and was admitted to the bar Sept. 20, 1871, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was a member of the old organization of the



G. A. R. soon after the war, and is a charter member of W. Wirt Leggett Post, No. 145, at Ripley, O., and has represented his post a num-ber of times in the department encampment; he also served two terms on the department coup cil of administration, and several times as delegate to the National Encampment. Jast year at the Washington encampment he was the member from Ohio on the committee on resolutions He has also served one term in the national council of administration. At the department encampment held at Hamilton. O., last May, he was elected department commander. He is one of the most prominent Odd Fellows and Masons in his section of Ohio, and as chancellor of Ohio of the Knights of Pythias added eighty-seven lodges to the order-the greatest addition on Hon. Henry L. Morey, judge advocate Depart-

ment of Ohio, is a native of that State, being born April 8, 1841, in Butter county, on a farm, and there spent his early years. He was educated at Miami Univerity, and was a member of the University Rifles, a company of students, which did duty in the three-months service in Virginia in the early days of the revellion. At the expiration of this term he re-enlisted for



three years in the Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteers, and was promoted through all the grades, and when his regiment was mustered out, was its senior captain. He took part in the battles of Monte rey, McDowell, Shaw's Ridge, Franklin, Cedar Mountain, Port Republic, Strausburg, Freeman's Ford, Aldie, Cross Keys, second Bull Run, Waterloo Bridge and Chancellorsville in Virginia and in the sieges of Forts Wagner, Gregg and Sumter in Charleston harbor, and in the campaign in Florida. Captain Morey was made prisoner at Chancellorsville and confined in Libby prison. While there Gen. A. D. Streight and bis officers were also brought to this celebrated hostelry, while his brigade of Indiana men were imprisoned at Belle Isle. He was paroled on the same day that Streight's men were paroled, and came North with them to Annapolis, Md., but Streight and his officers were detained in prison and afterwards made their famous tunnel escape. On arriving at Annapolis Captain Morey and other officers, acting under orders, brought Streight's brigade of unofficered men to Camp Chase, O. Any of the Indiana boys of Streight's brigade who made this trip can see in Captain Morey the young officer, who, thirty years ago, had the honor of commanding them for a time, while their own gallant officers were tunneling for lib-

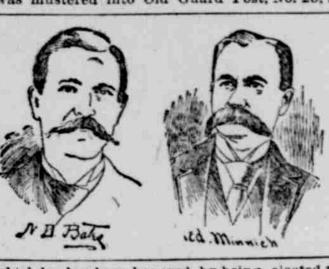
erty. At the close of the war Captain Morey studied law, and has always practiced his profession at Hamilton, where he now resides. He is a Republican in politics, and has a somewhat extended political career. In 1880 he vas elected to Congress; was re-elected in 1882, and in 1888 was again elected to that body. He has been a member of the Grand Army since its earliest organization, and has been active and prominent in Grand Army work. He is a delegate to the present Na-tional Encampment. He is a member of Ohio Commandery, Loyal Legion. Captain Morey comes of Revolutionary stock. His paternal great-grandfather was a commissioned officer in the Colonial army, in the war for American independence, and his mother was a member of the indiana family of Whitcombs, and was a cousin of Governor James Whitcomb, of this State. Assistant Adjutant-general J. C. Snumaker enlisted in May, 1864, for three years or during the war, and was mustered out with his company at the end of the war. He then entered college and graduated; was superintendent of schools for seventeen years, and is now eashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Ripley. He is



a charter member of Post No. 145, of Ripley, and has served two years as post commander. He was made A. A. G. by Department Commander Williams. Comrade John O. Winship was born in Maine, Sept. 9, 1838. At the age of thirteen he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade. After two and one-half years' schooling in winter he determined on securing an education, and secured it by a course at Gould's Academy, in Bethel, and college, at Lewiston. He enlisted April 19, 1861, in Company A, Fifth Maine Regiment, for three years; was mustered as orderly sergeant, and served as lieutenant at the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. On the day the regiment left Maine he was attacked with measles, but left the hospital to go to the battle, and was soon after discharged for disability. He re-enlisted in the spring of 1862, but was rejected by the surgeon. He was again rejected by the surgeons on examination as colonel of a colored regiment. He served as volunteer nurse in hospitals for several months in 1864, and with the Sanitary Commission. At the close of the war he read law in Portland and practiced in Maine until 1878, when he moved to Cleveland, O., where he has since resided, enjoying a large and lucrative practice. Colonel Winship joined the Grand Army in 1867, heing made post commander. He was for many years judge advocate of the Department of Maine. He represented the Department of Ohio in the National encampments of 1885 and 1888 and has been a member of nearly all department encampments, has procured hundreds of pensions for comrades, without the expense to them of even a postage stamp. When the act establishing the Ohio Home for the Blind became a law, he was, without solicitation on his part, appointed a member of the board of trustees and selected the president of the board, which position be continued to hold until he resigned in 1891, after the institution was firmly

established. Comrade N. D. Bates, of Dayton, was mustered Ripley, the place rendered into Company G, Sixty-seventh Indiana Volun- parents. He entered the army at the age of i

teers, Aug. 20, 1862, and was appointed sergeant May 28, 1865. He was transferred to Company G. Twenty-fourth Indiana, in accordance with special orders, No. 210, dated New Orleans, La., Dec. 10, 1864. He participated in the following battles: Munfordsville, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Pert Gibson, Champion Hill, Black River, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Carrion Crow, Forts Gaines and Morgan, siege and charge of Blakely. At the latter place he was slightly wounded. He was also taken prisoner at Munfordsville, Ky., Sept. 17, 1862, and at Carrion Crow, La., Nov. 3, 1863. He Company G. Twenty-fourth Indiana, in accordand at Carrion Crow, La., Nov. 3, 1863 He was mustered into Old Guard Post, No. 23, in



which he has been honored by being elected to all the offices. He has been honored in the department by being appointed assistant inspect-or, a d by Past Commander-in-chief John Palmer as aid-de-camp on his staff, and at the last State Encampment was again honored by being elected delegate to the next National En-

Comrade D. Milsted served as a private in Company E. Fifth West Vinginia Volunteers. Nov. 9, 1862 the old organizations of the Fifth and Ninth Virginia were consolidated and designated the First West Virginia Veteran Volun-teers. This regiment was commanded by Gen. W. H. Enochs, who died at his home in Ironton, O., on July 13. The regiment served in the First Brigade, Second Division of the Eighth Army Corps, Gen. George Crook commanding, with Gen. R. B. Hayes in command of brigade. He was with General Hunter in the memorable Lynchburg raid in 1864, and participated in the two days' battle in front of that city June 17 and 18. After returning to the Kanawha valley the regiment was sent east to the Shenandoah valley, where he took part with it in all the battles under General Sheridan in his campaign against the confederate general, Jubal A. Early. He was discharged July 25, 1865. He was sixteen years old when he enlisted. He joined the

Grand Army in 1880, and has served as aid-de-camp, senior aid-de-camp, assistant department inspector and department inspector in Ohio, and is a member of the staff of Commander-in-chief Weissert and a delegate to the National Encampment. He is a prominent Odd Feliow and Mason, and is a member of River City Council, No. 11, of United Commercial Travelers. Comrade J. Edward Minnick was born in March, 1847; enlisted in January, 1862, being



less than fifteen years of age, in Company F, First Independent Battalion, of Philadelphia, and served till Jan. 18, 1864, when he was wounded in the charge before Petersburg, Va. He is now a resident of Columbus, O., where he is the proprietor of a clubhouse and is a mem-ber of the Grand Army and Union Veteran Legion. He is a delegate.

PENNSYLVANIA. When the Department of Pennsylvania passed Massachusetts in membership it soon had a rival in Ohio, and the contest between the two has been animated. At the present time Pennsylvania is second in numbers, Ohlo leading. From the first Pennsylvania has been a tower of strength to the organization, helping New England to maintain it when it was feeble in the West. Its membership is now almost 44,250, and it was organized in January, 1867. Thomas

G. Sample is commander and Samuel P. Town,

of Philadelphia, A. A. G. Department Commander Thomas G. Sample was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., fitty years ago, but was educated in the public schools of Harrisburg, Pa., and is now a respected citizen of Allegheny city. He entered the service in response to President Lincoln's first call, as a private, in Company F, Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers. When its term had expired Commander Sample re-enlisted in Company F. One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which he was promoted to sergeant and second lieutenant, and was mustered



Pennsylvania Department and every National Encampment since that date, which makes him a "sample" Grand Army man. Last March he was elected department commander of the leading Department of Pennsylvania, because of his usefulness and efficiency. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, having held the office of grand chancelfor of Pennsylvania, and has been for twelve years a representative of the Supreme Lodge of

Assistant Adjutant-general Town was a boy when the war broke out, but in 1863, when eighteen years of age, he enlisted as a private in the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, seeing all the service of that command during the period that "dead cavalrymen" were as numerous, relatively, as the dead in any other arm of the service. He joined Post No. 2, of Philadelphia, in 1873, and has been an active member of the order since that date. He was appointed A. A. G. in 1890, and has proved so efficient that he has been retained as the executive officer of the largest department. Comrade Town is a printer and publisher, and has served one term in the Penusylvania Legislature as a Representative of Philapelphia.

Comrade Ezra H. Ripple, of Scranton, was born in Maunch Chunk, in 1842, and received a common school education. He enlisted in the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Militia in 1862 for the Antietam campaign; in 1863 for the Gettysburg campaign in the Thirtieth Pensylvania Militia, and in the Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers in March, 1864. He was captured in Fort Johnson, S. C., July 3, 1864, paroled March 1, 1865, and discharged June 30 of the same year. He



prominent part in local organizations. He has also taken a prominent part in the Pennsylvania National Guard, having beer. captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and is now colonel of the Thirteenth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania. He has been treasurer of the Lackawanna company since 1878; was Mayor of Scranton city in 1886, and is a menber of the Soldie s' Orphans' School commission. He is a coal operator and is counted as one of the public spirited men of his city. He is a member of the Pennsylvania delegation in the present encampment. Comrade Charles H. Gresh was born Jan. 3, 1834, at Greshville, Berks county, of German

joined the Grand Army years ago, taking a

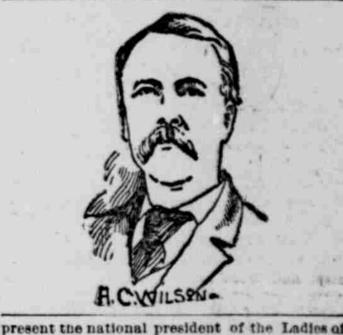
twenty-eight, in August, 1861. He assisted in organizing the Fiftieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was commissioned by Governor Volunteers, and was commissioned by Governor Curtin second lieutenant of Company B. Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Not liking the infantry service, he resigned in January. 1862, and in September of that year joined the Seventeenth Fennsylvania Cavalry as first sergeant of Company I, and was promoted to second heutenant in 1864. He remained with the regiment until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He joined Post 16, G. A. R., at Reading, in 1868, came to Wilkesbarre in 1871; joined Conyngham Post, No. 97, in 1872. He is a past commander of that post. He was adjutant of the post for eight years, and has been a delegate to all but three department encampments gate to all but three department encampments of Pennsylvania. He is called in his post "one of the old ones," ranking in attendance at department encampments with such old G. A. R. men as comrades Beath. Wagoner. Vanderslice and others of the Department of Pennsylvania,

He is a delegate.

Comrade J. W. Moreland was born in Pittsburg, where he still resides, in 1840. He enlisted in 1862 in the One-hundred-and-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and remained with it in all its service, and was mustered out with it. He has long been a member of Post 151, of Pitts-burg, filling all the offices, and has represented the post in four State encampments, being one of the useful members of the Grand Army, upon whose steadfastness the order depends for vitality. For years Comrade Moreland has been con-



nected with the department of Public Safety in the city of Pittsburg Comrade Chas. F. Sherriff was born in Pitts-Comrade Chas. F. Sherriff was born in Pitts-burg, on May 6, 1848. At the breaking out of the war he was a schoolboy, not yet thirteen years of age, but from the first he had set his heart on entering the army. He first endeavored to get to the front by enlisting in the One-hun-dred-and-fifty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, but on the regiment being mustered in he was rejected. This was in the summer of 1862. He finally succeeded in passing muster in the summer of 1863, enlisting for six months, and was placed on provost duty in Pittsburg. At and was placed on provost duty in Pittsburg. At the expiration of his term of enlistment the One-hundredth Regiment (Roundheads), Penneylvania Veteran Volunteers, being at home on furlough, his discharge not having that clause, "No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist," stricken out, and the discharge making it appear that he was nineteen years of age, he had very little trouble in becoming a member of Company K, of that regiment, as a private, while but fifteen years of age. The first engage-ment the regiment took part in after his enlistment was at the Wilderness, on May 6, 1864. It being his sixteenth birthday, he was made to feel very uncomfortable by one of the veterans making the remark that "Sheriff came into the world sixteen years ago to-day, and he will like-ly get wiped out to-day." He served with his regiment during the Grant campaign. He was captured at Poplar Grove, on the 30th of September, 1864, and was held a prisoner of war during the winter of 1864-65, being confined in Salisbury, N. C., where he lost seventy pounds of flesh. After being released, in March, 1865, he lay for a long time hovering between life and death in the Navy Hospital at Annapolis, Md., being saved only by the watchful care of a kind mother, who remained there for weeks nursing him. Comrade Sherriff has served as commander of his post, and is a past president of the Allegheny County Union ex-Prisoners of War, as well as a past vice president from Pennsylvania of the National Association of Union ex-Prisoners of War. He takes great interest in Grand Army affairs, being frequently on the staff of department commanders. His wife is at



the G. A. R. He is now, and has been for years, engaged in the machinery business in Pittsburg. He is one of the delegates from Pennsylvania to the National Encampment.
Comrade William H. H. Wasson was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1842, and received his education in the West Surbury Academy and Edinboro State Normal School. He enlisted Aug. 15, 1861, in Company H, Onehundred-and-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was first wounded at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862. He re-enlisted as a veteran in December,

1863, and received a severe gun-shot wound in the head June 3, 1864, at the battle of Cold Harbor. He was discharged by order of the War Department, for meritorious conduct at Cold Harbor, at the request of Governor Cartin, to receive promotion as senior first lieutenant, Battery B, Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. He assumed command of the battery in November, 1864, continuing in command until, by reason of the termination of the war, it was mustered out of Service at Pittsburg in June, 1865. Captain Wasson was with Sheridan in the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek, Va., where the regiment lost heavily; with these exceptions was with the Army of the Potomac from its organization. Company H. One-hundred-and-second Regiment, lost a total of fifty-four men, thirty-seven killed outright and seventeen who died from wounds received in action. He has been activily identified with the G. A. R. since 1872. He is aid-de-camp on the staff of Gen. A. G. Weissert, national commander and delegate, and was elected to the National Eucampment from the Department of Pennsylvania for the identified with the Union Veteran Legion, and one of the officers of Encampment No. 1, the largest in the United States. His record of almost four years of active service is one of honor and credit to his comrades and the government.



He has frequently been called to places of pub-lic trust, where he has rendered honest and faithful service with credit to himself and

Comrade A. B. Richey was born in Butler, in 1842. He culisted as private in Company H, Seventy eighth Penusylvania Volunteer Infantry, Oct. 1., 1861, and served almost con-tinuously under the command of Gen. George H. Thomas, and participated in all the marches, sieges and battles of the Army of the Cumberland, and was mastered out Nov. 4, 1864. The comrade is a charter member of Post No. 105, Butler, Pa.; has served as junior and senior vice commander, delegate to the department en-campment for three successive years, and is a delegate from Pennsylvania to the present encampment. He is a contractor by occupation." This is the brief and modest record furnished by a friend, but the subject of it can tell of Chickamanga, of Chattanooga, and of other fields made glorious by the Army of the Cumberland. Comrade George S. Shattuck was born in Meadville, April 19, 1842. He enlisted at Franklin, Venango county, April 25, 1861, as a private in Company C. Tenth Regiment, P. R. V. C., for three years or during the war. He served in the company one year, then was detached to divislon headquarters as mail agent for the division, and served in that capacity until discharged at the expiration of term of service, June 11, 1864. He was mustered into Sergeant Peiffer Post, No. 331, G. A. R., at Meadville, May 30, 1883. He was a delegate to the Columbus National Encampment, and was an aide on the staff of Commander-in-chief Warner. In 1890 he was made unfor department commander by the departnent encampment. He was a delegate to the National Encampments in Boston and Detroit,

omrade A. C. Wilson, of Philadelphia, was first enlisted as a member of the independent Rifle Company, June 29, 1863, and was dis-charged the following November. He re-enlist ed in Battery I, First Pennsylvania Light Arthlery, and was detailed as a clerk at headquarters, DeRussey's Division, Twenty-second Corps,

and is a delegate to the present national conven-

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